

**A Slave Who Did Keep His Temper.**  
 "A man who is pretty smart in a great many things, but it isn't everybody that knows how to hold his temper," remarked Clarke Warren of New Orleans at the Lindell yesterday. "I saw a very old case down in Mississippi last week. It was in a railroad restaurant. A young lawyer, a handsome fellow physically, had some words with a colored waiter. The negro was very abusive, and at one stage of the quarrel pulled a gun. We all thought that that meant death for one of the other of them, but the lawyer did not seem a bit worried, and some bystanders took the gun from the waiter. The latter then followed the young fellow out to the platform and renewed his abuse and demands for satisfaction. The rest of us were dumfounded at the action of the lawyer. He was evidently no coward, and it was just as evident that he was more than a match for the waiter."  
 "Finally the negro struck at him, merely knocking him off. Then some one hustled him away. After he was gone somebody spoke to the young fellow about it, and he said it would be poor policy for him to discharge his family by becoming a murderer, and that it would be just as disgraceful for him to engage in a fist fight. Another thing, it would do that waiter good to be taught a lesson, and on his return he would have him arrested and sent to prison for a year or so. That man knew how to keep his temper, and I guess, after all, he took the right view of the matter."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**Monkeys That Enjoy a Joke.**  
 In a large cage in the Philadelphia zoo were kept at one time about 20 monkeys. Among them were two big, wise-looking apes with gray heads and hair, and with the union of stoics. They had very long, straight tails, and a habit of sitting high up from the ground and allowing their tails to hang at full length. In the same cage were four or five brownish monkeys, who were much devoted to exercise and fun.  
 While the big monkeys would cling to the side of the cage or sit on a perch some 10 or 12 feet from the ground one of the little brown monkeys would stealthily creep up to one of them and suddenly grasp the end of the long tail and swing with all its might. Of course the "big un" could not lift his tail because of the weight of the little monkey clinging to it. He could only climb down the side of the cage with his burden until he could reach the floor.  
 During this operation the brown monkey kept swinging until his own tail touched the floor, at which instant he would release his hold and spring to the top of the cage, followed by the other monkey amid the screams of the others.  
 By the time he had reached a point where he could attack his little tormentor, who would show some signs of resistance and cause him to pause for a moment, another brown monkey would seize his long tail and take a swing.—R. S. Garner in New Review.

**The Lawyer Has the Deed.**  
 A young lawyer in the city had as a client some time ago a negro charged with assault and battery, and the accused now owes his liberty to the fine work done in his behalf by his counsel, who put up the plea of insanity as his defense and was sustained by the jury. It was a hard fight. The fee was a good one, but the negro had no cash. He had offered to build a building lot in the suburbs to his lawyer, who accepted the deed, duly signed and delivered, and looked it away in his safe.  
 A short time ago he bethought him that with the help of a building and loan association he might put a house on that lot and increase its value, so he offered the property for a loan to one of the home building and loan associations. His application was duly received, but when he went around to hear the result the secretary told him that the committee had rejected the application.  
 The astonished lawyer asked the reason; the lot was good, the loan small and title good, for he had examined into that part of it. The secretary said that the committee differed with the lawyer as to the title, because while they themselves were not lawyers they failed to see how a negro who had been released by a jury on a plea of insanity could give a good title to property. The young lawyer still has the deed.—Macon Telegraph.

**A Superstitious Actress.**  
 Eleanor Duse is absurdly superstitious and in the most unexpected ways. A stage carpenter at the Fifth Avenue theater relates this incident. Just before an evening performance he completed some bit of work and threw himself down to rest for a moment upon one of the stage properties, a couch made of soap boxes and covered with a buffalo robe.  
 Immediately all of Duse's support flew at him, chattering in wild excitement and unintelligible Italian. Finally the stage manager spied him and pounced upon him.  
 "You must get off from that," he said. "If Signora Duse saw you, she wouldn't let her curtain go up. She thinks it's a bad omen to have any one except herself rest upon that seat."—New York Times.

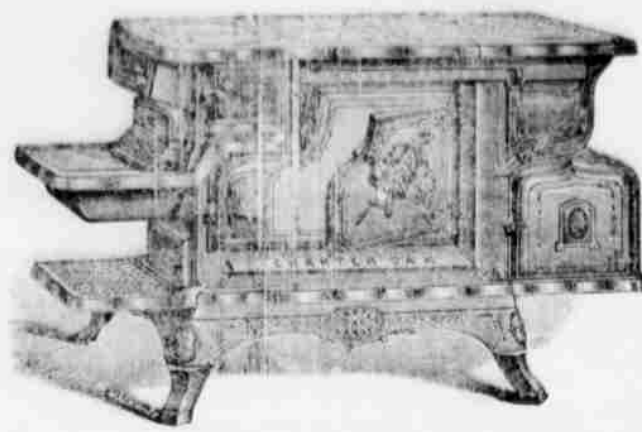
**An Epitaph.**  
 A tombstone in a country churchyard bears the inscription, "She was so pleasant." After all, could it have been more fully or better said? The stranger as well as the intimate knows that the dead woman was one who brought cheer with her wherever she came and brightened the joyless day with her sunny presence. One may not sigh if fame, riches, attainments are missed if "so pleasant" is said of us by and by.—New York Times.

**Like Light Tapers.**  
 A servant girl was once given some macaroni by her mistress to prepare for the table. Noticing the girl's surprise the lady asked:  
 "Didn't you cook macaroni at your last place?"  
 "Cook it? We used them things to light the fire with!"—Exchange.

**France, Belgium, Greece, Italy and Switzerland** constitute the "Latin Union." Their coins are alike in weight and fineness, differing only in name. The same system has been partly adopted by Spain, Serbia, Bulgaria, Russia and Roumania.

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